

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1008

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Burt Waller for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who, through dedicated service in the field of health care, have contributed substantially to the good of their community; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Burt Waller, recipient of the 2005 Susan P. Smith Award of Excellence from the Tennessee Primary Care Association; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Primary Care Association (TPCA) is a not-for-profit corporation with the goal of strengthening community-based primary health care systems in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1976, the Tennessee Primary Care Association seeks to unite health centers and other providers of care in an effort to improve primary health care access for the medically underserved; and

WHEREAS, presented by the Tennessee Primary Care Association, the Susan P. Smith Award of Excellence recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions in advancing health center programs and who have worked to strengthen the partnership between health centers and TPCA staff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director of Christ Community Health Services, a community health center in Memphis, Tennessee, Burt Waller recently received the 2005 Susan P. Smith Award of Excellence, a testament to his unflagging commitment to quality health care for Tennessee's underserved citizens; and

WHEREAS, as Executive Director of Christ Community Health Services, Burt Waller exhibits exemplary communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills; he also serves as Chair of the TPCA's Policy Committee and as a member of TPCA's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the mission and cause of the Tennessee Primary Care Association, Mr. Waller has worked diligently to ensure quality health care for many disadvantaged citizens of the State of Tennessee; he has actively participated in numerous TPCA projects and initiatives by lending his expertise and time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waller epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mr. Burt Waller upon receiving the 2005 Susan P. Smith Award of Excellence, commend him for his meritorious service to the underprivileged citizens of the State of Tennessee, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.